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Examiner: L. S. Choi

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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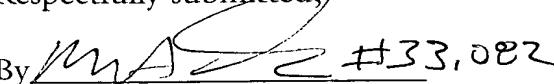
Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and wish to submit the following remarks. The Statement presents a table containing a paraphrased version of independent claim 7, and discusses the Mathies reference concluding that it fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 7. Applicants wish to note that they acquiesce with characterization of Mathies only to the extent discussed in papers filed by the Applicants. Also, the allowed dependent claims contain limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims patentable over the prior art.

Otherwise, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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